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SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING HAWAII AS A HUMAN RIGHTS STATE.

1 WHEREAS, 2013 marks the sixty-fifth anniversary of the
2 Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which was spearheaded by
3 the leadership of Eleanor Roosevelt and based on policies of
4 President Franklin D. Roosevelt's "Four Freedoms"; and
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6 WHEREAS, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
7 guarantees the rights of all peoples and encompasses a broad
8 spectrum of economic, social, cultural, civil, political, and
9 collective rights; and
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11 WHEREAS, this anniversary provides an opportunity to call
12 attention to human rights violations that occur around the world
13 and to continue to promote the importance of educating the
14 citizens of Hawaii about human rights; and
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16 WHEREAS, a human rights state serves as a model for
17 communities around the world to witness practical ways the human
18 rights framework can make every citizen a partner of sustainable
19 social change; and
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21 WHEREAS, the state public school system has partnered with
22 the Hawaii Institute for Human Rights to create courses that
23 teach students about human rights issues; and
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25 WHEREAS, a human rights state is one whose residents and
26 local authorities, through ongoing discussions and creative
27 exchanges of ideas, come to understand that human rights, when
28 widely recognized as a way of life, assist in identifying the
29 issues and inform the actions in the communities of the State
30 for meaningful and positive economic and social change; and
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32 WHEREAS, developing human rights states is an attempt to
33 build infrastructure for conflict prevention, human security,
34 and sustainable development, and to create a place for active
35 civic engagement at the local, national, and global level; and
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1 WHEREAS, Hawaii has the opportunity to be declared among
2 the first human rights states in the United States, building
3 upon the human rights city movement, which includes Washington,
4 D.C.; and
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6 WHEREAS, as a human rights state, Hawaii would be joining
7 human rights cities around the world in working to provide
8 leadership and advocacy to secure, protect, and promote human
9 rights for all people; now, therefore,
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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
12 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013,
13 that this body recognizes Hawaii as a human rights state; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution may be cited as
16 the Hawaii Human Rights Day Recognition Resolution of 2013; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
19 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the mayor of each
20 county, and members of Hawaii's Congressional delegation.
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